

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for recalling a previous channel of programming information comprising the steps of:

initializing a channel of interest;

selecting a first channel of program information;

monitoring an elapsed time spent on the first channel;

storing historical channel access information in a channel history log;

identifying and storing the first channel as the channel of interest if the elapsed time spent on the first channel exceeds a predetermined time threshold, further comprising the steps of:

lengthening the predetermined time threshold if the first channel is broadcasting a seldom viewed program as determined by the channel history log, and

shortening the predetermined time threshold if the first channel is broadcasting a frequently viewed program as determined by the channel history log;

switching to a plurality of additional channels, wherein the elapsed time spent on the additional channels does not exceed the predetermined time threshold; and

activating a selective view function to return to the channel of interest from one of the plurality of additional channels; and

resetting the channel of interest upon the completion of a program on the channel of interest then storing a program channel of historical interest as identified by the channel history log as the channel of interest.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

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7. (Cancelled)

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9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A channel selection apparatus for recalling a previously accessed channel of interest, comprising:

a receiver capable of receiving a plurality of channels of broadcast material and a user generated channel selection signal, wherein the channel selection signal selects one of the plurality of channels of broadcast material, the receiver further comprising:

a memory; and

a program resident in the memory, the program configured to measure the elapsed time spent on a selected channel; store a program guide for tracking start and stop times of programming material currently being broadcast on the plurality of channels; store a user history of program material accessed by a user over a predetermined time period; store the selected channel as a channel of interest if the selected channel exceeds a predetermined time threshold; lengthen the predetermined time threshold if the selected channel is a seldom viewed channel as determined from the user history; shorten the predetermined time threshold if the selected channel is a frequently viewed channel as determined from the user history; and switch to the channel of interest from the currently selected channel upon receipt of a channel recall signal from a selective view function.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

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16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)